WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A broadcast retransmitter for use with a wireless local area network (WLAN), comprising:

a gateway configured to format a bitstream received from a broadcast receiver for:

delivery to a wireless access point (WAP) of said WLAN; and

subsequent conversion by said WAP into a wireless transmission over said WLAN to make said bitstream available for reception by a client of said WLAN.

2. The retransmitter as recited in Claim 1 wherein said broadcast receiver is a satellite receiver.

3. The retransmitter as recited in Claim 1 wherein said broadcast receiver is a terrestrial receiver.

4. The retransmitter as recited in Claim 1 wherein said gateway formats said bitstream according to a format selected from the group consisting of:

Ethernet,

IEEE 1394,

USB, and

PCI.

5. The retransmitter as recited in Claim 1 wherein said WLAN conforms to an IEEE 802.11 standard.

6. The retransmitter as recited in Claim 1 wherein said bitstream includes a plurality of channels and a channel is subsequently selected therefrom.

7. The retransmitter as recited in Claim 1 further comprising a channel selector interposing said broadcast receiver and said gateway, said bitstream including a selected channel.

8. A method of retransmitting a broadcast over a wireless local area network (WLAN), comprising:

formatting a bitstream received from a broadcast receiver and containing said broadcast;

delivering said bitstream to a wireless access point of said WLAN; and

converting said bitstream into a wireless transmission over said WLAN to make said bitstream available for reception by a client of said WLAN.

9. The method as recited in Claim 8 wherein said broadcast receiver is a satellite receiver.

10. The method as recited in Claim 8 wherein said broadcast receiver is a terrestrial receiver.

11. The method as recited in Claim 8 wherein said gateway formats said bitstream according to a format selected from the group consisting of:

Ethernet,

IEEE 1394,

USB, and

PCI.

12. The method as recited in Claim 8 wherein said WLAN conforms to an IEEE 802.11 standard.

13. The method as recited in Claim 8 wherein said bitstream includes a plurality of channels and a channel is subsequently selected therefrom.

14. The method as recited in Claim 8 further comprising a channel selector interposing said broadcast receiver and said gateway, said bitstream including a selected channel.

15. A broadcast retransmission system, comprising:

a broadcast receiver that receives a broadcast and generates a bitstream containing said broadcast;

a gateway, coupled to said broadcast receiver, that generates a formatted bitstream for retransmission;

a wireless access point, coupled to said gateway, that receives and converts said formatted bitstream into a wireless transmission over a wireless local area network (WLAN) to make said bitstream available for reception by a client of said WLAN.

16. The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said broadcast receiver is a satellite receiver.

17. The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said broadcast receiver is a terrestrial receiver.

18. The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said gateway formats said bitstream according to a format selected from the group consisting of:

Ethernet,

IEEE 1394,

USB, and

PCI.

19. The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said WLAN conforms to an IEEE 802.11 standard.

20. The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said bitstream includes a plurality of channels and a channel is subsequently selected therefrom.

21. The system as recited in Claim 1 further comprising a channel selector interposing said broadcast receiver and said gateway, said bitstream including a selected channel.